these Centres are being conducted under the supervision of the Industries Department.

(*b*) A petition has been received by the Director of Industries and Commerce from some students of the Government Trades School, Trichur for starting a Centre in the State for the examinations conducted by the London Chamber of Commerce.

(*c*) The matter is under correspondence with the examination authorities.

MALAYALAM IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE—IMPROVEMENT OF

437. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered about the necessity of improving the Malayalam Improvement Committee;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to take early steps to make its working more efficient so that it may give more encouragement towards the improvement of Malayalam literature?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is under the consideration of Government.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING IN JAPAN

438. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted in the *Madras Mail* dated 25th November on the last page about the adoption of a resolution by the Bengal Legislative Council "asking that an expert or experts be sent to Japan to investigate the causes of the high out-turn of paddy there, and help to train Bengal peasants in the improved method employed by Japanese cultivators";

(*b*) whether the Government be pleased to depute one or two graduates of agriculture employed in our State service for the purpose referred to above to study the improved conditions of paddy cultivation in Japan and introduce the same system here?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government do not think that there is any immediate necessity for any such step.

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